

The Whole Truth

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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth." MAL. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32.

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CHAIRMAN CONDUCTS WORTHY SESSION



BISHOP LEVI WILLIS CONVERSES WITH MOTHER MATTIE MCGLOTHEN; MOTHER EMMA CROUCH LOOKS ON.

Bishop Levi Willis and the delegates of the General Assembly gathered in Memphis to hold the April Call Meeting. April 8-10, 1986, found the saints from everywhere in Memphis to consider the business affairs of the Church of God in Christ.

The agenda for this meeting was significant because of the challenging subject matter. Elder Samuel Fluker brought the house to order. Elder Henderson Spivey led prayer and Elder

Thomas Jackson read the scripture. Elder Fluker then called Elder George Davis and Missionary Dell for words of greeting. A cordial gesture of respect was extended to the former General Assembly Chairman, Bishop William Rimson and he gave solid expressions of exhortation. Bishop Willis was brought forward and he prepared the house to be certified. While Bishop Nathaniel Wells and the marshals counted delegates, Chairman Willis presented his lovely

wife for a powerful testimony of healing. Bishop Wells brought the word to the Chairman that 385 delegates were in attendance and hundreds more were completing registration. Mason Temple quickly filled and the session was underway.

First order of business was the reading of the minutes from the last session. After some brief words and suggested changes the minutes were approved. Bishop G. R. Ross maintains a

high level of proficiency in the administration of his office.

The Chairman gave inspiring remarks and set the tone for an upbeat and productive General Assembly meeting. He shaped his remarks around the need for economic development. He recalled a resolution which made it compulsory for the Church to save for investment \$100,000 annually. In a very cogent way he demonstrated that if we had followed the resolution as proscribed, that \$100,000 would be considerably more. The resolution was given in 1979. He informed the assembly of the possibility of purchasing a radio station. Through investment of funds over 5 years, the Church could own as many as 24 stations. The message was clear and the house received the comments with interest.

Being a practical man, the Chairman then encouraged all delegates to make his/her financial reports. He reflected, "I believe every pastor who belongs to the Church of God in Christ ought to have a problem with his conscience if he fails to make his reports."

A large quantity of business was completed during the April meet-

ing. The following is a brief report of the session. The assembly entertained a resolution designed to change the voting procedures for general elections. The resolution sought acceptance of absentee balloting. It was tabled because it failed to meet house rules of acceptance. Bishop C. L. Anderson and jurisdiction sponsored a resolution to develop Saints Industrial into a secondary educational institution. The Chair tabled the resolution because it did not meet house rules. Bishop I. B. Bonner submitted a resolution which suggested jurisdictional bishops receive and distribute credentials. It was tabled for the same reason, his resolution failed to meet house rules. The rule of the assembly is that every resolution must come with adequate copies for every delegate. A Resolution seeking job descriptions for all national officers elected or appointed by Church was sent to the General Board. The Chairman felt only the General Board has the authority to develop such job descriptions. Article No. 8 of the proposed constitutional revisions was brought before the assembly. The Chairman of the committee, the Elder Frank Ellis has ample

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HELP WEEK REPORT.....

WORKING ON THE BUILDING

The men and women who traveled to Lexington, Mississippi and volunteered time, energy and skills for the renovation of the Saint's property proved to be a devoted industrious group. The spirit of cooperation and fellowship was splendid. Though the sun was hot and high, the work long and exhausting, the volunteers maintained a positive attitude. Each worker had his or her own job to do and the issues of who was bossing whom never developed. It seemed the spirit was in charge. Every individual was there to do a work for the Lord. Significant to this mindset of cooperation was the reality of the Presiding Bishop's vision of the Saint's property again being used in a productive way. The saints were there working on the building!

The Whole Truth was there and gathered interviews with some of the workers. History must record their contribution and their sacrifice, which they so willingly made at their own

Pastor J. L. Johnson of Sharon, Mississippi reflected, "My dad worked on these buildings. This trip and my labor is a small thing for me. Yet, in another way, my work is a tribute to him. My dad is Deacon Alex Johnson and he is 94 years old." Atop the roof a few feet away, Bro. Lawrence Jones, III of Chicago, Illinois worked with Bro. Gene Walker. I asked Bro. Jones why he was in Lexington? He answered, "My Bishop, Bishop L. H. Ford asked us to come with him and work. I'm loyal to him and I'm excited about the work of my Church." Both of the young men agreed that one day their children

would be pleased to know their dads did something tangible in Lexington.

I quickly got off the roof of the Mallory Building and continued to talk with the men as they worked. Ever present in the sun was Bishop J. O. Patterson. He seemed the "father figure" and his presence stated he would endure the hot sun with his sons. Some of the men were pushing wheel barrels, smoothing cement, painting, cutting wood, laying roofing or various other duties. Bishop Theo Davis was glad for the effort. Bishop commented, "this effort to restore the property is a tribute to Dr. Mallory and all the saints who worked to make this school. Years past saw their choirs singing to support the school. Preachers and Missionaries made great sacrifices and waged an uphill battle." I found Elder George J. Custard of Wichita, KS, standing in Faith Hall. He was

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SOMBER MOMENT

There was much fellowship, laughter, praise to God and hard work accomplished during the Help Week. Yet, while God was unfolding a miracle in Lexington, He was calling one of His saints home at the same time. Elder James L. Whitehead, Sr., of Detroit, Michigan, was killed enroute to Lexington, as he planned to participate in the Help Week. Elder Whitehead was known to many as a diligent worker in the national registration office. His entire family is deeply involved in the life of the Church of God in Christ, both locally and nationally.

Bishop J. O. Patterson informed the Whole Truth of Elder Whitehead's death during the Help Week. In a very reflective and somber mood he spoke of Elder Whitehead's death and circumstances thereof. He related, "It seems that he wanted to come and tune the pianos on the campus. I just touched the keys on one of the pianos and the notes sounded sweetly. It seems Elder Whitehead was not denied his goal, he tuned the piano. God told David because it was in his



ELDER J. WHITEHEAD

heart to build the Temple, It was done!" Bishop concluded, "Some may ask why did it happen? Others asked him not to make the trip...Yes, it is impossible to stop a person on his way to heaven."

The Whole Truth extends heartfelt sympathy and prayers to

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GUEST EDITORIAL

FACING THE CHALLENGE

by
Ms. Linda K. Salter

Some of you question the need for A. S. U., but in an age of enormous scientific discoveries and technology, I concur that the Church of God in Christ can ill afford not to have a four year accredited college. Is education necessary? In terms of salvation education is not a determining factor. Education simply fine tunes a man's intelligence. To reach men and women who are inundated by the lure of the sensual, the church must readress its approach to winning souls for Christ. A. S. U. will train young men and women to be better and more effective witnesses.

For A. S. U. to become a reality we must all begin to work harder. Personal sacrifices will have to be made. Materialism seems to have crepted into our church. We are more concerned about wearing designer labels, having Gucci bags, and living in the best neighborhoods. But I challenge you with the question what are we passing on to our children. Are we simply giving our children a misplaced value system or are we giving them something to grow on. When I accepted Christ, one of the significant aspects of our relationship was that Christ invested and believed in me. You and I must invest in the work of Christ, and yes we owe our God.

If a man can not visualize, he simply cannot actualize an object or a dream. We must all share the vision of A. S. U. Our efforts must be doubled because the vision lagged in coming to the forefront. I contend that if Oral Roberts, Jimmy Swaggert, and Jim Baker can build schools, that we can too. Emulation is not the object, but the Church of God in Christ simply wants to fulfill its mission and commission from God. A man is limited only by how far he can see and with God all things are possible. The scripture says, God is no respecter of person, and we should not live beneath our privilege. One of the erudite statements in life is God helps those who help themselves. We must not expect others to do for us what we should do for ourselves. We must become builders and not laborers in other men's dreams.

I do not want to see A. S. U. built 20 years from today, but I want the Church of God in Christ to have its university now. We must invest in our children and leave a legacy that lives on after our brief interlude with life. Let's build A. S. U. now.

Ms. Linda K. Salter

CHAIRMAN

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copies and proceeded to read the various changes. The Chairman of the General Assembly tabled the amendment because of the impact it would have on the Church. Given the time frame and other elements of business he thought it too significant to move on. Other arguments were based on the nature of the assemblies faith in the executive branch to handle such business.

The nature of the amendment was the establishment of the judiciary board and its composition. Much orderly, but indepth debate surrounded the issue. One other interesting item

was the resolution to restructure nominating procedures. At one instant the Chairman removed himself from the Chair because he was ruling over an issue that directly conflicted with his position. It was an interesting bit of parliamentary maneuvering.

All and all the chairman conducted an excellent session. Much was accomplished and in general the vast majority of delegates left Memphis in a joyful mood.

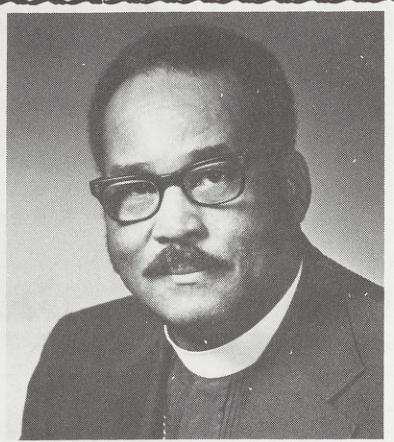
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Mother Ella Barbara Whitehead, his loving wife; and his two children, Elder Jack Whitehead and Sister LaBarbara Whitehead. God is able and the hope of the resurrection is ours in every situation.

"LET IT BE KNOWN, THAT PASTOR JAMES LEE WHITEHEAD, SR., SERVED THE WILLOW RUN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST FAMILY FAITHFULLY FOR THE THIRTY-THREE YEARS UNTIL HIS DEATH."

Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ



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Dear Saints:

Ofttimes it seems that God, after having listened to our petitions, chooses a special and unusual way of answering our prayers and cheering our hearts. Just a few weeks ago, I was blessed with such an experience.

After having sent out a call to the skilled craftsmen of our church to come to our aid, my heart was made to rejoice with the tremendous response received. The property we own in Lexington, Mississippi was in a state of disrepair and needed a face-lift. Through the unselfish spirit and determination of these brave and dedicated soldiers of the Lord, we were able to accomplish much of our goal.

These men and women came from far and near to lend their time and talents to the "Restoration of a Landmark". Asking for "nothing" in return for their services, they laboured from early morning to dusk. Afterwards, they joined saints from the surrounding areas at the St. Paul Church in a spirit-filled, Holy Ghost revival, reaching out to the lost, the sick and the disenchanted with a message of hope from the Lord.

It is my prayer that God will richly reward these saints of the Lord who, like Nehemiah of old, rebuilt the walls because they had a mind to work.

Your Chief-servant,

J. O. Patterson, Sr.
Presiding Bishop

SUPERVISOR PRAYS

Holy greetings, to the whole body of Christ. Truly the Lord is good and his mercy endureth forever.

The first week in September, 1985, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "tell the body of Christ to pray for LOVE, UNITY, and COMPASSION". Jesus said in Matt. 5:7, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." God is waiting for the body of Christ to really unite ourselves everywhere in prayer and fasting and in reading the word of God. The scripture says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly

dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15. "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9b

I hear so many speaking of another great outpour in our day as other times. The Lord is waiting for His body, the true born again, God fearing, God loving people, to really walk by the same rule, speak the same thing; in other words, have the mind of Christ. When we as God fearing, God loving people do this, I believe we will receive a refreshing, renewing and a great

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NATIONAL NEWS

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM REVIEWED



IN THE PHOTO R TO L: MR. ARCHIE TURNER, BISHOP ROY L. H. WINBUSH, MR. L. P. DOSS AND MR. MACK FINLEY.

The General Assembly of the Church of God in Christ received the financial management project update from Mr. Mack Finley during the April Call Meeting. Mr. Finley is the CPA hired by the General Board to develop the system. After finding the task was no small thing the Church contracted the services of Coopers and Lybrand Inc. During the meeting all aspect of the system were reviewed for the delegates of the General Assembly. Mr. Finley informed the assembly his task was to develop the foundation for a Church of God in Christ automated accounting and financial reporting system. He was to get accounting records updated to provide opening balances for the new system. He outlined the problems, tasks of accounting, operational functions and work accomplished on his own and with the support of Coopers and Lybrand. He likewise prepared a 43 page document supporting his findings among the various departments. The Chairman requested copies of the report for the entire assembly.

Mr. Finley then introduced the two Coopers and Lybrand accountants. Mr. Archie Turner

and Mr. Lawrence P. Doss presented the financial management project prepared by their firm. This quite detailed and significant report demonstrated the far reaching nature of the project. The Church will soon be prepared to do a first rate job of accounting and management.

The Coopers and Lybrand firm is one of the eight international accounting and consulting firms in the world. Their revenues are over 1 billion annually. They employ 30,000 people located in 400 offices around the world. Their client list reads like a Who's Who in business. Included among their clients are AT&T, Ford Motor Co., IBM, American Express; the cities of New Orleans, Atlanta and Chicago; schools like I. T. C., Harvard, Yale and Stanford. The list goes on and now includes the Church of God in Christ.

The report presented by the three gentlemen was unanimously accepted. Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush must be singled out for mention, as he developed the several thousands of dollars necessary to pay for the analysis and subsequent system.

NATIONAL SOUVENIR JOURNAL

To: Pastors, Superintendents, Bishops, Supervisors, Auxiliary Leaders, and Members of the Church of God in Christ

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National Souvenir Journal

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outpour of God's spirit. Jesus prayed in St. John 17:17-21, to make us one even as He and the Father is one.

The words God gave me were, we have allowed Satan to divide us, and so our mission we have from the Lord, is hindered. On October 17, 1985 at 6:00 p. m., we were in prayer at our church. My spirit was so grieved over the terrible disease of AIDS, for the news said there is no cure for it. I was asking the Lord to give the Medical Association and the doctors in research, wisdom to be able to come up with a cure or even to arrest it. We know Satan can't do anything unless God permit it. The Lord spoke to my heart and said, tell the body of Christ to fast and pray for the mercy of God, concerning the curse of AIDS. Satan is trying to contaminate the whole world. God forbids this to ever happen. Satan is out to defeat God's whole plan.

Remember Satan said "I will exalt my throne above the most high." And Satan has been trying to defeat God's people every since. Every true servant of Jesus Christ, has the love of God, and many promises of God. After Solomon finished building the temple, he prayed for God's blessings and protection. II Chr. 6:12-42. Then in II Chr. 7:12-22, God answered Solomon and gave him these wonderful promises and warnings. We have old Israel as an example, for when they served the Lord, God blessed them, but when they turned from Him, He suffered them to have many conflicts and even to be carried away into captivity. And each time the children of Israel returned to God, He would deliver them.

I believe if the whole body of Christ would seek God, with all our hearts, God will bless us also.

Prayerfully Submitted by,

Supervisor Hanna Bell, Gospel Tabernacle Church of God in Christ — 1017 Innisfallen Ave. Springfield, Ohio 45506 — Pastor — Supt. W. C. Hookfin

THE PRESIDING BISHOP SPEAKS



BISHOP FORD AND PATTERSON SMILE AS THEY LEAVE THE ASSEMBLY. THE COWBOY HAT IS RIGHT SMART!

During the April Call Meeting the Presiding Bishop, Bishop J. O. Patterson spoke to the General Assembly. His remarks were a timely upbeat statement about the nature of the Church's affairs.

He reported the Church of God in Christ is a great church. Still, the members of the Church of God in Christ must realize how essential good business is for future development. He cited the outpour of support demonstrated during Help Week as an indication of good business. The many roofers, painters, cement finishers, carpenters, brick masons, landscapers, plumbers and committed helpers provided an example of fellowship and success. He reported how large amounts of work were done on the O. M. Kelly Chapel and the Mallory Building. He informed the assembly that roofs had been resurfaced, cement walkways restored, buildings painted, etc. He further announced his vision for the continued development of the site. The Church has nearly 385 acres of land in Lexington and the Church must use it wisely.

In pointing to Help Week, the Bishop reflected over the benefit of the great spirit of volunteerism. Approximately \$25-30,000 of work was completed. This was done at the cost of \$11,000.

HOTEL RESERVATION UNAC—5 HOUSTON

The United National Auxiliaries Convention will commence on June 30-July 5, 1986 in Houston, Texas. Have you secured your hotel reservations? The headquarters hotel will be the beautiful Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston. As in the past the daily seminars, workshops, departmental sessions will be conducted at the headquarters hotel. The nearby Meridien will serve as the Co-Headquarters. Both of these hotels offer fine accommodations and are in the heart of the UNAC activity. The Sheraton and the Holiday Inn will provide excellent accommodations for the delegates likewise.

For further information call the toll free number. Call 1-800-292-0333. Remember, register for UNAC and get your reservations squared away.

Get your reservation out of the

Nightly, the fine saints from the area met the workers at the historic St. Paul Church of God in Christ for worship. Elder Percy Dean and congregation made everyone welcome. The revenue from these services amounted to \$5,000.

In a closing statement, the Bishop commended and presented the Help Week crew to the assembly. In an appreciative mood he pointed out Elder Milton Oliver for hard work while pouring the finishing cement.

Bishop Patterson turned his attention to the financial system of the Church. He stated, "The General Assembly asked the General board to develop a functional system of finance." We began by hiring an accountant and he has worked to provide a system." He spoke of the work involved and that more skilled minds were needed to help complete the job. Bishop Patterson concluded his remarks by presenting Bishop Winbush who introduced Mr. Finley and two accountants to provide information about the system.

Bishop Patterson was before the assembly a few more times. All and all the meeting was good for the Church. Most delegates left very happy with the progress made.

A. S. U. RALLY

The "Miracle of 86" is quickly taking shape! Have you started preparing for the coming A.S.U. Area Rally? The saints will meet in designated areas soon and report the money developed in behalf of All Saints University. There will be 20 rallies across the country beginning June 11 - August 1, 1986.

UNAC-5 A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE by Min. Eric Greaux

The waves are crashing on the rocks and not too far away people are milling about and children are playing in the sand. Teenagers are playing volleyball and frisbee. And here is a young couple newly in love. Their excitement and joy is expressed on their faces. They wander off to an isolated sand dune; his request does not need to be spoken but her answer is persistently in the negative.

In another city, a gifted young musician and song-writer is working on another composition for a small band. Although never publically recognized, he is highly gifted and seeks out those who are interested in his talents.

In that same town, a young woman is sitting at her desk working on another research paper in her Social work major at a well-known University. Although she is an outstanding student, she struggles with the pressures of home and the expectations of her church.

These are the common experiences of more than one half the population of our church - young men and women struggling with the pressures of maturity, the use of their gifts for God, and the role of religion in their lives.

Where does the church fit into all of this? Can it?

The United National Auxilaries Convention (UNAC-5) will try, once again this summer, to answer these questions in a relevant and challenging way.

It's early July and we're sitting in the midst of one hundred-fifty young men and women participating in the annual C.H. Mason Oratorical Competition. Each one is vying for one of three academic scholarships totaling eight thousand dollars. This is one of the newest additions to a host of seminars on the family, dating, human sexuality, wit-

nessing, personal Bible study, and much more.

Meanwhile, across the hallway of this illustrious hotel, many more young people are encouraging each other as they exercise their spiritual gifts in the realm of music. Some are playing instruments; some are teaching the one thousand voice mass choir a song that they've written; some are anxiously learning these songs which will be recorded live.

These are but a few of the typical scenes at UNAC-5, sponsored by five departments of the Church of God in Christ -the Sunday School Dept., the Youth Dept., the Missions Dept., the Music Dept., and the YPWW Dept.

The air is filled with excitement because of the Spirit which is obviously moving amidst the twelve thousand saints in attendance. They've come from every corner of the globe in order to gather and to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness with songs of Zion and anointed Gospel preaching. "This year we'll be celebrating our eleventh anniversary and I'm expecting record-breaking attendance in Houston, Texas," says Bishop Roy L. H. Winbush, Chairman of UNAC-5.

This year's theme, (to be supplied), was arranged to meet and to answer the needs of not only young people but of every person who is struggling with such issues as sexuality, the discovery and use of gifts, or simply how to work for God, as well as such current topics as the role of Christians in political affairs and urban evangelism.

In essence, UNAC-5 is the convention for the whole family and will meet many needs, no matter what your desire. So come to UNAC-5 and have a great time.

EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW

I spent a while in the hot Mississippi sun during the Help Week climbing up and down ladders, walking among men working to make a tangible difference on a historic piece of ground. It was a good time, in

that, I experienced a side of that activity the others were too busy to notice. While the men worked, they laughed, talked and accomplished every task given them without complaint. They were pouring concrete, painting and

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST/ALL SAINTS UNIVERSITY AREA RALLIES

AREA ONE June 11—New Haven, Connecticut

Maine

*Connecticut, 1st C. H. Brewer/R. Gorham
Connecticut, 2nd H. Bordeaux/M. Ramsey
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Rhode Island L. R. Anderson/E. Graves

AREA TWO June 12—New York City, New York

*New York, Eastern F. D. Washington/C. Wallace
New York, Western, 1st L. R. Anderson/A. Nelson
New York, Western, 2nd C. H. McCoy/I. Atchison
New Jersey, 1st E. Courtney/L. Bazemore
New Jersey, 2nd J. O. Patterson/N. Penn
New Jersey, 3rd C. D. Owens/A. Walker

AREA THREE June 13—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Pennsylvania, CMW O. T. Jones/L. James
Pennsylvania, Eastern D. A. Burton/T. Scott
Pennsylvania, Western G. E. Vaughn/D. Wilson
Pennsylvania, Keystone G. A. Williams/M. Talley
Maryland, Central J. I. Doswell/R. Rogers
Maryland, Greater D. Spann/C. Carter
Maryland, East Shore J. Eure/E. Majors
Washington, DC S. Kelsey/E. Hampton
Delaware L. T. Blackshear/G. Burton

AREA FOUR June 16—Detroit Michigan

*Michigan, Great Lakes C. L. Anderson/M. Cranford
Michigan, SW, 1st W. L. Harris/M. Belvin
Michigan, SW, 2nd E. J. Wright/L. Cryor
Michigan, SW, 3rd R. L. Jones/B. Flakes
Michigan, SW, 4th N. W. Wells/C. Gardner
Michigan, N. Central H. J. Williams/L. Lucas
Michigan, NE P. A. Brooks/M. J. Hopkins
Ohio, Northern R. S. Fields/L. C. Young
Ohio, NW R. L. Chapman/E. Pettigrew
Ohio, Southern F. Perry/H. Bell
Canada A. T. Harrison/A. Crutcher

AREA FIVE June 17—Norfolk, Virginia

*Virginia, 2nd S. L. Green/M. Featherston
Virginia, 1st T. Thomas/T. Vaughn
Virginia, 3rd L. E. Willis/F. Mann
W. Virginia, North G. Walker/L. Kane
W. Virginia, South W. Rimson/L. Holland

AREA SIX June 18—Charlotte, North Carolina

*North Carolina, 2nd J. H. Sherman/M. Bennett
North Carolina, Greater L. B. Davenport/J. McCants
South Carolina J. J. Johnson/W. M. Rivers

AREA SEVEN June 19—Atlanta, Georgia

*Georgia, Central J. D. Husband/J. Underwood
Alabama, 1st C. A. Ashworth/W. Traver
Alabama, 2nd W. S. Harris/R. Howard
Georgia, North J. H. Dell/D. Humphries
Georgia, Southern C. J. Hicks/A. Johnson
Georgia, SE J. D. Husband/L. Hinsley
Tennessee, 2nd H. Jenkins Bell/F. Page

AREA EIGHT June 20—Orlando, Florida

*Florida, Eastern J. Cohen/G. Gamble
Florida, SW W. E. Davis/B. Richardson
Florida, Central C. D. Kinsey/S. Johnson
Florida, West M. L. Sconiers/K. Smith

AREA NINE July 14—Seattle, Washington

*Washington T. L. Westbrook/G. Young
Idaho N. Jones/Lossie Crear

AREA TEN July 15—Oakland, California

*California, N. Central G. R. Ross/P. Wilburn
California, NW C. Davis/M. McGlothen
California, N. 1st B. R. Stewart/E. M. Devers
California, Valley W. Wilson/A. Woods Folsom

AREA ELEVEN July 16—Los Angeles, California

*California, S. 1st C. E. Blake/L. Morris
California, Evangel E. E. Cleveland/D. Curry
California, S. 2nd G. D. McKinney/E. Nash
California, SW B. R. Benbow/M. Jones
California, Metro B. J. Crouch/G. Houston
Hawaii, 1st J. O. Patterson
Hawaii, 2nd W. H. Reed/M. Mathes

AREA TWELVE July 17—Las Vegas, Nevada

*Utah N. Jones/D. Griffin
Nevada E. N. Webb/S. A. Porter
Arizona F. King/W. Randall
New Mexico W. C. Griffin/S. E. Jeffery
Colorado

AREA THIRTEEN July 21—Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Iowa H. Bassett/R. Robinson
Wisconsin, NW P. J. Henderson/A. LaValley
Wisconsin, 1st SE D. Flakes/V. Hudson
Wisconsin, 3rd J. C. Williams/A. Scott
Minnesota S. Frazier/D. Foster
So. Dakota C. Roberson/A. Carmack
No. Dakota

AREA FOURTEEN July 22—Chicago, Illinois

*Illinois, 1st L. H. Ford/C. Cantrell
Illinois, N I. Roberts/E. Cook
Illinois, 5th B. Goodwin/P. Cross
Illinois, Southern J. I. Cobb/L. Cawthorn
Illinois, Central T. T. Rose/M. B. Farlow
Illinois, 6th W. H. Bonner/N. Lewis
Indiana, North W. Blakely/B. Hackett
Indiana, South O. Freeman/I. M. Sanders

AREA FIFTEEN July 23—Kansas City, Kansas

*Kansas, East W. H. McDonald/R. Thurston
Kansas, Central I. B. Brown/V. M. Agnew
Kansas, SW J. C. Gilkey/M. C. Walker
Missouri, West E. H. Moore/E. Odom
Wyoming A. W. Martin/D. Brown
Nebraska E. M. Bradford/L. Price
Nebraska, N.E. B. T. McDaniels/B. Wright

AREA SIXTEEN July 24—St. Louis, Missouri

*Missouri, E. 1st R. J. Ward/T. Bolden
Missouri, E. 2nd W. W. Saunders/St. Carrie
Dinwiddie

AREA SEVENTEEN July 29—Dallas, Texas

*Texas, NE J. N. Haynes/E. Barron
Texas, NW W. H. Watson/V. Mackey
Texas, SE, 3rd R. E. Ranger/R. Smith
Texas, East J. E. Lee/J. M. Macklin
Oklahoma, SE W. E. Jeffries/B. L. Lang
Oklahoma, NW J. A. Young/R. Prather

AREA EIGHTEEN July 30—Houston, Texas

*Texas, SE 1st R. E. Woodard/Victoria Barnes
Texas, SW T. D. Iglesias/E. M. Crouch
Texas, S. Central N. H. Henderson/E. Law
Texas, SE 2nd M. G. Grady/B. Morrow

AREA NINETEEN July 31—New Orleans, Louisiana

*Louisiana, East W. K. Gordon/T. Harper
Louisiana, West R. H. Winbush/L. Bryant
Mississippi So. 1st T. T. Davis/R. V. McAdory

MISSISSIPPI, SO. 2ND E. McDowell/R. Harris

AREA TWENTY August 1—Memphis, Tennessee

*Mississippi, N T. T. Scott/I. Harris
Arkansas, 1st L. T. Walker/W. E. Jennings
Arkansas, 2nd D. L. Lindsay/E. McGhee
Kentucky, 1st A. T. Moore/J. Wright
Kentucky, 2nd M. J. Sykes/M. Bell
Headquarters F. D. Macklin/Freddie J. Bell
Tennessee, Central W. L. Porter/Z. Spight

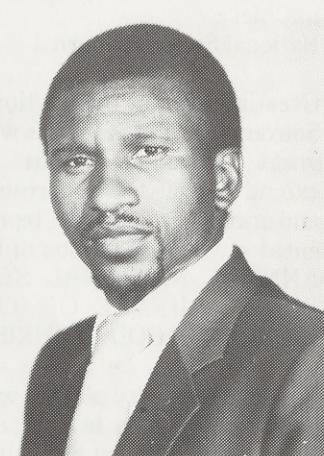
*Denotes Area Chairman

sawing wood to the tune of fellowship. It seemed like sweet praise to God and being there made one a member of a genuine group of Saints. Something important was happening. I realized God was working a miracle before my very eyes. This miracle was undergirded by the selfless effort of devoted men. I was profoundly overwhelmed by the attitudes of giving of time and talent without thought of benefit or compensation.

At the dinner table, I saw men both big and small, exhausted but laughing, talking and eating

great quantities of food. The saints of Mississippi prepared more than enough to feed the army which assembled for Help Week. As I talked with the men, the conversations ranged from thoughts of home, Church and their wonder about the relative smoothness of the whole operation. Here I witnessed the best of Christian character and organizational purpose rolled into one effort. I got a special feeling from the fellowship. These men were brothers and a bond greater than church membership held them together. At that point a sense

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ELDER
DAVID HALL

YOU HAVE OUR CHURCH HISTORY

The Department of Fine Arts, Mrs. Sara J. Powell, director, has launched a project in search of our Church's heritage.

Housed in the Church of God in Christ Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee is the Historical/Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center. It contains our Church's archives as pictures of great pioneers, documents, literature, paintings, articles of furniture and other antiquities. Much of this material was donated by various members throughout our Brotherhood. However, scores of years of our rich heritage is not reflected to its fullest. It requires the support of all of us to vividly reveal this heritage adequately and thereby develop this archival center.

At this time we are soliciting support from all of you to share those precious hidden treasures of our heritage with the masses. We are especially depending on pastors, our senior saints and those of you who have your roots in the Church to dedicate yourselves to this purpose.

It has been stated that a people who does not know its past cannot fully appreciate or understand its present or future. This fact lends itself to our Church also. The Youth are sure to benefit greatly from the information that can be made available through you.

If you have donations or questions regarding our Museum and Fine Arts Center you may send them to Historical/Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center, c/o Church of God in Christ, Inc., P. O. Box 320, Memphis, Tennessee 38101. Each donor will be noted and properly credited for contributions made.

A committee of professional credential holders is being selected for the chief purpose of developing the Museum. If you feel that your expertise will be beneficial and you are willing to serve, please contact us.

Recently appointed to the position of Archivist for the Historical/Cultural Museum and Fine Arts Center is Mr. Odie H. Tolbert, Jr.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Lue Catherine Sykes
Historical/Cultural Museum
and
Fine Arts Center, Administrative Assistant

RESUME

Professor Odie H. Tolbert, Jr., is a resident of Memphis, Tennessee and a member of the "Mother Church", Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ, where our Presiding Bishop, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Sr., is senior pastor. He has been a member of Pentecostal Temple for 32 years. The only break in this membership occurred when he was a member of the Armed Forces for two years, 1963-65, and then, subsequently after his tour of Army duty residing in

Chicago, Illinois for four years, 1965-69 employed in the United States Post Office and attending graduate school. While in Chicago he worshipped at Faith Temple COGIC pastored by the late Bishop H. W. Goldsberry. Professor Tolbert is a disabled American veteran with a hearing impairment received during his tour of duty while in the Army.

Professor Tolbert earned the A.A. degree in General Studies from Owen Junior College in 1959, the B.A. degree in Social Science from LeMoyne College (now LeMoyne Owen College) in 1962 and the M.A. degree in Library Science from Northern Illinois University in 1969. He has an advanced certificate in Black Studies Librarianship earned in 1973 from Fisk University where he was chosen as one of the eight recipients from across the United States of an internship program administered by the U.S. Office of Education. This extensive program prepared him for the administering of materials and artifacts required for the preservation and restoration of special collections involved in libraries, archives and museums. He has done graduate work at Chicago State University and Memphis Theological Seminary. In addition, he was in the combined second masters/doctoral degree program in history at Memphis State University.

Professionally, he is a member of the library faculty at Memphis State University where he has been employed since 1969 as a catalog librarian (assistant professor). His duties include cataloging material for the library's special collection and overseeing the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Collection which he organized and prepared several years ago. Also, he is the Director of Library Services at Pentecostal Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ.

He is a member of several library associations, namely, the American Library Association, the Black Caucus of the ALA, the Tennessee Library Association and the Memphis State University Libraries Association. Professor Tolbert is married to Magnolia (Nan) Tolbert, a former resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is the proud father of three children, Alisa (15), Carla (12) and Odie III (7).



PROFESSOR
ODIE H. TOLBERT, JR.

B & PWF HONOR WOMEN



The Business and Professional Women's Federation of the Church of God in Christ honored 55 women at the 4th Annual "Women of the Year Awards Appreciation", Monday, April 14, 1986 at the Hilton Airport Inn. Trophies, certificates, Bibles and other gifts were presented. These women were honored for outstanding performances and dedication to their local church and state activities. They were chosen from 29 categories and many different churches in the headquarters jurisdiction. More than 350 people came out to witness this grand and glorious affair. A

buffet reception followed the service.

Pictured left to right are Madame Mattie Wigley-pioneer "Song Bird of South". Next is one of the founder's daughters, Mrs. Lelia Mason Byas. She was awarded for her loyal dedicated service at her local church. (Pentecostal Temple) Mrs. Julia Mason Atkins was awarded for her outstanding performances, loyal dedicated services to local church, state and national work. Mrs. Atkins is likewise the daughter of Bishop C. H. Mason. State Supervisor of Women: Mother Freddie Bell was

honored likewise. She received an award for outstanding performances for her work locally, state and nationally.

The following are Business and Professional Women Federation members. Mary Alyce Clay, Moline English, Liz Gladney, Joan E. W. Golden, Peggy Harris, Mary Henderson, Alice Lee, Allean Mabone, Marion Mitchell, Velma Pritchard, Myrtis Redditt, Norma Rone, Lena Vester and Frances Miller, President.

JAMAICA UPDATE

In November 1982, Missionary Julia M. Burton was duly appointed Supervisor of Women's Department for the Island of Jamaica, West Indies, by International Supervisor of Women, Mother Mattie McGlothen. In January 1982, Missionary Burton had accompanied Bishop Moody to the Jamaican work, via an invitation by Bishop Ivor F. Rowe, Bishop of Jamaica.

January 1983 marked a third visit to the island by Supervisor Burton. In July 1984, Mother Freddie J. Bell travelled to the Island to officially install Supervisor Burton. Upon arriving, Mother Bell and travelling companion, Sister Joan Golden, were greeted warmly by the Jamaica Jurisdictional choir with one of their favorites, "This is the Church of God in Christ."

Enjoyed was a solo from Sis Joan Golden, radio artist and a Memphian also. Installation was preceded by a most timely message from Mother Bell. After singing, "Humble thyself and the Lord will draw near thee", Mother Bell spoke from Ephesians 4:12, "And He Gave Some Apostles. . . ." She elaborated on the necessity of auxiliaries in the Church and reiterated that they were designed to be "helps". Installation proceeded as the Bishop Ivor F. Rowe gave consent to the appointment. Standing with Supervisor Burton were Mother Rebecca Gorham, first administrative assistant, Missionary Sarah Doyle, and Missionary D. Cameron, who serves as secretary.

The installation was an "Island First". The nationals greatly

rejoiced to see that the general Church loved them enough to officially install their supervisor on their own territory.

Mother Bell met with the women, pledged her support, and has been instrumental in helping the Department to look the part. The Women's Department is engaged in "Auxiliaries Alive", a concept to enable the ongoing of these inspirations of our founding fathers. To erase them, would be to erase our

heritage of the grand old Church of God in Christ's objectives for learning to future generations, and we are determined, "That the generations to come might know them."

The Island has some 14 aspiring missionaries, 18 evangelists, about 20 pastors, some serving two churches, five district missionaries, and three assistant district missionaries. These

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INDIANA YOUNG MEN COUNCIL



L. TO R. MINISTER M.
BLADE AND BISHOP W. O.
BLAKELY, SR.

name of the organization is the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN COUNCIL.

For so many years there had been a Young Women's Christian Council in the Church of God in Christ, which promoted the spiritual development and natural development of young women in the church. The women were told how to conduct themselves as holy women. The women were told how to dress, how to be good wives and mothers. However, the young men were not as whole given the same traditional training that the women have been receiving. With that in mind, Minister Blade (with the permission of his Pastor, Elder Mark H. Blade) proceeded to organize a local YMCC at Saint's Home COGIC in Terre Haute, Indiana in February, 1981.

In July 1981, Minister Blade prayerfully discussed his goals

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WOMEN SHARE TASK IN LEXINGTON

by
Carolyn Bibbs



The Church of God in Christ women played a vital part in refurbishing the grounds of Saints College. Despite the plea of equal rights by women liberator's, COGIC women found a role of equality serving the brethren, good wholesome home cooked hot meals. The dining hall was continuously filled with the aroma of fresh baked cakes, pies and breads.

Traveling across country, Sister Rose Ward came with sleeves rolled and ready to work. When asked what inspired her venture from New York to Lexington, Mississippi, she replied, "I receive the Whole Truth and saw that they needed helpers. I became so excited about the property being renovated that I wanted to come. I prepared for the trip. I flew to Memphis and rode Bishop Patterson's bus to Lexington. The fellowship on the bus was exciting and all the saints were so sweet."

Sister Ward is a member of Kelly Temple and proud to say her bishop is Bishop F. D. Washington and Mother Wallace is her Supervisor of Women, in Eastern New York.

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of history gripped my intellect and I wished that all the saints could have been there.

Something happened to me while at Help Week. I recognized that unity is essential for success. The miracle of 86 was reaching out in another direction. Those committed men and women were working for all of us. They represented all that was progressive and good. The future belongs to the few who produce and not merely talk of gain. Talking success is cheap but working for success cost a slice of self. Yes, I saw Christ in those men. Just as God delivered Jesus for our salvation; His only son, those in the same spirit volunteered at great expense to work for the Church. Their sacrifice evoked a feeling of joy within me and the memory of Help Week is indelibly printed upon my mind.

COUNCIL

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with Bishop William O. Blakely,

Many of the cooks were from the Lexington area and held sentimental attachments to the school. As they sat and reminisced of Dr. Arenia Mallory and the school, their greatest shared joy was the dream the school carried would not die.

Sister Florine Jefferson attended Saints School for 14 years. "Dr. Mallory made us pray 16 times a day, at least." She stated others joined in as she led out singing the school's alma mater.

Other workers commented much of the same. Sister Willie Mea Forrest, Lexington, Ms., reflected, "I enjoyed meeting people from different states. It's so good to see others enjoying the Lord like us. Good to be a part of the progress of the Church." Sister Dorothy Dixon, Lexington, Ms., "I went to saints, also. I love cooking. I want to see Saints live again." Sister Doris J. Givens, Los Angeles, California, wife of Bishop M. A. Givens stated, "I have certainly enjoyed it and wouldn't have missed out for anything. I've enjoyed doing my part helping in the restoration of the campus. Especially enjoyable was the fellowship.

Sr. (Jurisdictional Bishop) to form a state wide Young Men's Christian Council for Indiana North 1st Jurisdiction. Bishop Blakely approved the organization of the YMCC in the Holy Convocation in Gary, Indiana in July 1981. Bishop Blakely appointed Minister Blade as President of the YMCC.

Since 1981, Elder Mark Blade, under the leadership of Bishop Blakely, has assisted 19 churches in Indiana in organizing local YMCC's. These local groups of young men meet monthly, to discuss common interests and problems relevant to young men, and they work for solutions to their problems which are consistent with God's word. The primary goal the Indiana North COGIC YMCC's, is to "shape the total man"--both spiritual and material growth of our young men. God has tremendously blessed the YMCC in Indiana.

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need training and support to further the work in the Island.

I've been a member of the Church all my life but this is my first visit to Lexington. I've enjoyed the revival and worshiping in the southland. Sister Helen D. Ware, of Lexington, Ms., "I didn't work but I was a part of the meals. I am the State YWCC President and a graduate of Saints. It is a delight to my heart to see it live again." Sister Ware is the daughter of Elder Percy Dean, Sr. Sister Larita Hill, Gulfport, Ms., "I willingly followed my husband, Elder Eric Hill. I've always desired to be a student at Saints. This trip has been most enjoyable and meeting the saints too. Praise God for the sisters of Saint Paul. It is a wonderful work that the Church is taking pride in the school. Thank God for Bishop Patterson's vision. I am a member of Three Rivers Church of God in Christ.

The work is growing with some 24 churches.

The Island graduated its first C. H. Mason Bible College class in July 1984, with Dean Houghton. Plans are underway for headquarters building in Kingston which will house our schools (nursing, academic, Bible, orphanage and home for the aged), plus the sanctuary.

The Islanders are not seeking a "hand-out", but a "help out". In giving these buildings, and some training for some, Jamaica will cease to be a liability, but will be an asset to the Island and to the Church. The schools at present are only basic, but are in the process of being upgraded to meet national standards for being accredited. By sending personnel to school they will be able to manage the teaching positions and numerous jobs will be supplied in the future.

The Bishop Rowe has taken many hospital supplies to the Island and distributed them among hospitals, rest homes and clinics in the outlying areas. Supplies have totaled well over \$26,000, e.g. crutches, wheelchairs, sterilizers, beds, examining tables, breathing machines, and many other items.

The Church is actively engaged in supporting one clinic, located at Yallahs, St. Thomas. The Church has two registered nurses who are concerned about the Islanders welfare. The Wom-

en's Convention with Supervisor Burton, carries to the Island the latest topics, etc., from the International Department of Women, along with seminars on auxiliaries, leadership, courtship and marriage, parenting; also seminars on health aids, diabetes, hypertension, child care, general health and first aid classes are given. The Department is making a holistic approach, body, mind, spirit.

The Island deeply regrets the demise of the National President of Ushers, Missionary Henrietta Taylor, who was loyal, obedient and a 100 percent supporter of the Women's work and the general church. She will be greatly missed; she was faithful unto death.

The newly organized Nurse's Aid group will comprise our Island "Emergency Rescue Squad", giving special thanks to its founder, organizer and Captain, Mother Josephine Roberson of Michigan who has visited us in the Island, along with Missionary Mildred Hughes of Flint Michigan and Sister Taylor.

Missionary Grace Love has been instrumental in helping our building fund and the Islanders. In July 1985, optometrist, Dr. Beasley, Mrs. Beasley and their son came to the Island, and by invitation from Bishop Rowe, did some 300 examinations for eye problems and made corrective lenses for those in need.

The Island, with the Superintendent of Sunday School and her staff, Missionary Barbara Pennant, is getting ready for their first UNAC for the Summer 1986, with Minister Devon Bennett, who is the Youth President and General Secretary.

Our Workers Meeting witnessed a beautiful wedding at the Bethany Church of God in Christ, with Island Overseer Houghton officiating. United in holy matrimony were Ms. Beverly Kelly of San Jose, California, and Elder Overton Williams of the Island of Jamaica. Beverly is fondly called "Kelly Girl", and serves as corresponding secretary to the Women's Department. Mother McGlothen is her Supervisor, and Bishop Davis is her Jurisdictional Bishop. The bride's mother, a close friend and her daughter, Shondell, were present also.

The Workers Meeting was a success with Overseer Houghton, Elder Burnett and staff on hand to serve. They are on fire for God. Several visitors graced our setting. The Women's Convention with three days of seminars gladly accepted pastor-evangelists and Jamaica administrative assistant, Elder Dewitt Hill to speak two nights. He spoke on love for the Church, pastor, family, etc. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

On Friday night, Supervisor Burton brought her official message, "Doing all Things Through Christ", Isaiah 8:10. As a co-thought, she used, "We Can Do It, Because God is With Us".

Saturday, Youth Day with Missionary Pennant, was great with

the usual pageant of young participants from several areas of the island. Minister Bennett officiated at night. We are most grateful for all of the workers including Ms. Nora Howell who serves as Advisory Board Chairman; general financial secretary and fills many gaps in the entire work. Newly appointed was District Missionary Hermia Prince to serve as Island reporter, Missionary Sonia Bailey is assistant secretary to the Women's Department.

We were fed on official day by our Bishop Rowe who spoke to our hearts under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He was charged "To Feed the Flock".

We are thanking all of our friends for past support and our International President of Missions, Bishop C. L. Moody and the departmental staff for contributions on our property. Now owing is about \$9,000 and the property will be paid off. Ground is to be broken in July for building and hopefully the foundations laid. We covet your prayer and support.

Supervisor Burton would like to thank Central Georgia, and spearheaded by Mother Howard, State Missions President, Elder Davis and their staffs, and the churches for sending her to Jamaica in July 1985, and Mother Gamble of Florida. In January 1986, Northern California, Bishop Stewart, Mother Devers, Elder LaFar Johnson and their Churches sent Supervisor Burton back again. Bishop Daniels and congregation of Oregon, churches in Tacoma, Washington and Bremerton, Elder Penton, Missionary Berniece Altheimer and the Altheimer Memorial Church of God in Christ, from which Supervisor Burton hails, has been her most loyal supporters through the years, under the late Bishop R. E. Altheimer, and no less is being done with present pastor, Superintendent Sherman Davis. Heartfelt thanks to each of you.

In our attempt to serve, we respect certain covenantal rights:

- a. The right to be needed, providing workers with a genuine opportunity to use their gifts.
- b. The right to involvement, because we are workers together with Him.
- c. The right to shared commitments, ideas, issues, goals and processes.
- d. The right to understand our mission and direction.
- e. The right to affect our destiny.
- f. The right to the responsibility of leader obligation, to be rational.
- g. The right to non-threatening avenues of appeal for help or advice.
- h. The right to share in contributions to goals and problems.

Bishop Ivor F. Rowe, Jurisdictional Prelate
Julia M. Burton, Supervisor of Women
Beverly K. Williams, Recording Secretary
Bishop Carlis L. Moody, President Department of Missions

WORKING ON THE BUILDING —

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examining a rather large crack in the wall. The crack ran from the foundation to the ceiling of the building. He reflected how correct the Presiding Bishop was about the condition of some of the buildings. Bro. Manford Reeves who was a student at Saint Industrial had mixed emotions. He stated, "Saints is a part of me. I attended school here from 1963-1975, grades 1-12. It personally hurts to see the buildings not in use. Still, I am very happy to see them undergoing renovation. I've always had faith there would be renovation." I walked down to the St. Paul Church of God in Christ dining hall and spoke with Sister Rose Ward of New York. The Women were busy preparing a lot of food. They seemed to know how to handle hungry men! She stated, "I'm having a great time. Bishop Patterson is preaching every night and the Lord is blessing. I am just happy to say I was here and helped in some way."

Later that day I spoke with Dr. Donald Wheelock about the Help Week. Standing in eye shot of the structurally weak Peyton Building and the fire damaged Ozro Thurston Jones Building, He spoke words of hope. "I have hope! I believe this property has vast potential. Proper assessment has to be made about what needs repair and the types of repairs. If done correctly, the property could serve as a retreat and recreation center for our Church. One practical use of the property would be using it as an in service training station. Both national and jurisdictional staffs could be educated by our own Church professionals. The place has vast potential. The Help Week says that it is worth saving."

It seems that Saints Industrial's educational history will not decay with closed buildings. Elder Milton Hall of Kokomo, Indiana was accompanied by several other Hoosiers (what native people of Indiana are called). He commented, "The buildings are a mixture of excellent to exceedingly poor in structure. The Hall family has an interest, as one of the buildings, the Gamble-Rice Building is named for my Aunt; Mother Nancy Gamble. I'm here because it is necessary we continue the vision. Bishop Patterson is the leader of the Church and says it's time to work on these buildings." Elder Chetwyn Rodgers of Chicago, Ill., and two sons were on hand. Elder Rodgers was the former Director and acting President of the Saints Alumni Association. He reflected, "It is our hope that some type of educational training be provided from these grounds. We support the Presiding Bishop's program. I'm glad for this opportunity to have made a direct input into Help Week. Hopefully, some of the former dreams can be integrated into the new overall development of the property."

Climbing to the roof again I found Min. Willie Grady of Memphis, Tennessee. He is a licensed roofing contractor and brought one of his employees to work on the building. He paid

the employee's salary. He said, "Some of these men are not real professionals but they show good skill. Their hearts and hands are in the work 100%. The work is coming along very well and a lot of work is being done at a great savings to the Church." The paint crew was working just below and I spoke with Elder R. L. Williams of Memphis and Elder J. R. Mattox of Atlanta, Georgia about the work. They informed me the painting was going just fine. Elder Willie Barnes of Benton, Ark., was up and down the ladder as much as this reporter. While carrying some heavy object up the ladder he said, "Benton, Arkansas is here! I'm Elder Willie Barnes and glad to be here working on these buildings."

The saints were working on the building. Bishop J. O. Patterson, Bishop L. H. Ford, Bishop T. T. Scott, Bishop H. J. Bell, Bishop W. L. Porter, Bishop Theo Davis, Bishop Samuel Lowe, Bishop E. McDowell and Bishop Melvin Givens worked with the men. There was a real sense of brotherhood within our ranks. One cannot report this story without relating the laughter, sweat and yet, blessed feeling ever present. Maybe Elder Otis Clark of Oakland, possibly the most senior preacher there said it best, "I'm 83 years old and can't do much work. I came at the invitation of another preacher. Since being here, I've brought water to the men. Guess you could say I'm an expert water carrier. I just thank God He allowed me to help that much."

For the sake of history the Whole Truth desires to record the volunteers who worked during Help Week for future reference. They deserve recognition!

"HELP WEEK" VOLUNTEERS March 31 - April 5, 1986

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Tn. 2nd
Eld. Walter J. Banks
Headquarters
Eld. L. C. Baker
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Ark. 1st
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Evang. Otis G. Clark
Min. Lewis Coleman, Jr.
So. Ms. 1st
Eld. George Copprue
No. Ms.
Eld. George J. Custard
S. W. Ka.
Eld. Curtis E. Daniel
No. Ind.
Bishop Theo Davis
So. Ms. 1st
Sis. Louise Dean
No. Ms.
Eld. Percy Dean
No. Ms.
Eld. William Dean
No. Ms.
Eld. Robert Dixon, Jr.
Eld. Odell Ferguson
No. Ms.
Bishop L. H. Ford
Eld. George Fort
Tn. 2nd

Min. Henry Freeman
So. Ms. 2nd
Eld. Leon Gaston
No. Ms.
Sis. Doris J. Givens
Bishop Melvin A. Givens
Sis. Rosa Lee Graham
Ark. 1st
Eld. Roosevelt Greenwood
No. Ms.
Eld. Isaiah Grover
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Dea. Milton Hall, Jr.
Ind. 1st
Eld. A. Z. Hall
Headquarters
Eld. David Hall
Headquarters
Eld. Dewitt Hill
Ark. 1st
Eld. Eric Hill
So. Ms. 2nd
Sis. Grace Hill
Supt. Earnest Johnson
So. Ms. 1st
Min. Hilda Johnson
So. Ms. 2nd
Mr. Kenneth Jones
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Bro. Lawrence Jones, III
III. 1st
Bro. Rodney Jones
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Bishop Elson McDowell
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Eld. A. R. Magee
So. Ms. 2nd
Eld. Jim Mattox
No. Georgia
Supt. James Moffatt
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Bro. Jimmy Reeves
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Eld. Rial Thornton
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Bro. Eugene Walker
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Sis. Rose Ward
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THE PRESIDING BISHOP



Bishop Patterson preaching at St. Paul Church.

PRESIDING BISHOP EXAMINES VISION by Carolyn Bibbs

Men and women alike gathered to rebuild the walls of the Saints Junior College... "for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6

The restoration of Saints is the God given vision of the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, however, as he recently verbalized the will of God, is that the saints of God set their hearts to bring the vision into fruition.

Early in the morning, hammers echoed out in Lexington. Truck dumped loads of cement on the barren forms. Bishops replaced clerical attire for overalls and climbed scaffolds to repair roofs. Young men and old alike worked side by side in getting the job done.

In the evenings after dinner and a hot bath all would assemble at St. Paul Church of God in Christ, to hear the Word of God and receive supernatural strength to do work on the next day.

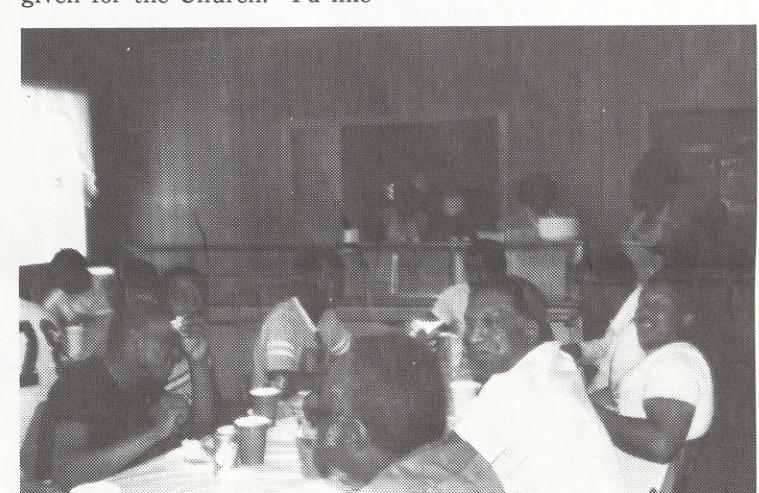
The revival highlighted on Wednesday night as the Most Reverend Bishop J. O. Patterson examined the vision God had given for the Church. "I'd like

to see the rehabilitating of the whole area. Let us hope that the entire Church will look at the need to repair what we already have," stated Bishop Patterson.

He reminded those gathered of the struggle that the saints of old had in establishing the work, which was founded on prayer and preaching the Word. "Paul Cho, the man who has the largest local Church congregation in the world started out reading other men's sermons but God stopped him and told him to preach the Word. As a result his Church in Korea has more than 500,000 members," and Bishop is sure our congregations can develop as much.

Bishop Patterson predicted many ministers and lay members alike would tread upon those grounds to learn more about God. Plans for Saints include the refurbishing of the buildings, landscaping and adding a lake on the acres of undeveloped land.

As the Help Week ended those who had volunteered their works felt good, the job for that time had been accomplished. Although the work was not completed the joy experienced was motivation enough for those assembled to make plans to return to finish the job of restoration.



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OBITUARY

ELDER WHITEHEAD

Pastor James Lee Whitehead was born July 23, 1918 in Darling, Mississippi. He was the only child of Lee and Mary Beck White. His mother was a member of the Church of God in Christ in Darling, Mississippi.

Pastor Whitehead, along with his mother and father, came to the City of Detroit in 1920. His mother preceded him in death in 1924, at which time he went to live with his grandmother, Mother Donnie White who was the church mother of Wilkins Street Church of God in Christ.

He heard the gospel of sanctification while State Mother Beck

of Mississippi was conducting a revival at Wilkins Street. He gave his heart to God and was saved from his sins with a real knowledge of God in his life.

As a child, after the death of his mother and having to live with his grandmother, many trials befell him; however he continued to press forward in the work of the Lord.

Pastor Whitehead was a member of Wilkins Street from 1924 to 1930. He then went to Adelaide Street Church of God in Christ for a year under Elder F. F. Davis, and later returned to Wilkins Street where he

remained until 1933.

Wanting to do something for God, he asked Milt Jackson, one of his childhood friends, to show him how to play the piano and guitar. As he began to play music for the church, God highly anointed him with the gift of playing, singing, and teaching music. From 1931 to 1934, he traveled with the State Band, singing and playing the guitar. He was also instrumental in helping Overseer Lloyd Sanders and Elder Starks to establish churches in Springfield and Dayton, Ohio.

In 1937, God gave him a lovely

wife. He married Evangelist Ella Barbara Gillespie, who was a member of the Livingston Street Church. To this union two children were born; LaBarbara Gwen and James, Jr.

Pastor Whitehead started and taught many choirs in many churches, pastored by many men such as: Elder William Rimson, Elder Mack Taylor, Bishop J. S. Bailey, Superintendent P. A. Brooks, Elder B. C. Elliott, and Elder Pittman.

In 1941, he founded the State Jurisdictional Choir and the Purity Class Choir. In 1942, he was made the State President of the Music Department which produced a Music Convention that was the most outstanding event of that year. Also in 1942, at a Watch Meeting, he accepted the calling to the Ministry, and was enrolled in the Michigan Baptist Seminary by Pastor Williams, where he studied until he was inducted into the United States Army ASOTC Division, where he served as Assistant Chaplain for Company C. He was honorably discharged after receiving a spinal injury. He returned to the Michigan Baptist Seminary and completed his studies thus earning a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) and Divinity (B.D.) degrees. In March of 1947, he was formally ordained into the ministry. Elder Whitehead continued his education by attending day school at Detroit Bible College where he graduated in 1950. His pastor recommended him to the late Bishop John Seth Bailey, who put him on the list of prospective pastors. In 1948, he was asked to work as one of the registrars for the National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, where he served until his death.

In 1945, he was appointed Vice-President and trainer of the orchestra in Memphis, Tennessee, and was later appointed President in 1968.

In March of 1953, he was appointed by Bishop J. S. Bailey to pastor Willow Run Church of God in Christ. At that time, some of the members were conducting services in the home of Mother Pearl Hart. Pastor Whitehead continued to have services in the homes and on Sundays in a local school. Because the government would not permit him to purchase land for a church, a tent was secured in which they worshipped for six years. However, the Lord prospered their effort and through the leading of the Lord, a child, a little sister Wilson, was instrumental in directing pastor Whitehead to a new church. In three years he and his flock successfully purchased and clearly deeded the property in the name of the Church of God in Christ.

In 1954, he was appointed by Bishop D. C. Williams to pastor Mount Vernon Church of God in Christ in Indiana, where he pastored for three years.

In 1957, he was appointed pastor of Middle Belt Church of God in Christ. In 1960, he was led by God to start a Bible Institute. Many students were taught and graduated from his school given a foundation in the work of God.

However, in 1969, due to an additional injury he could not continue to build and operate his school.

In approximately 1963, because of his faithfulness to the Elder's Council, he was appointed Assistant Secretary. He was later appointed as Secretary to the council by Bishop J. S. Bailey.

He was appointed by the NAACP CORE Ministerial Alliance, to be the Chairman for the fight for a new road. As a leader in the community, he went to Washington D. C., and had a man sent from the Department of Justice, who in turn got the City Officials to build a new road for the community.

—ACCOMPLISHMENTS—

- . In 1973, he was appointed District Superintendent in the Southwestern Michigan Diocese.

- . In July 1976, he received from the Willow Run Neighborhood Action Center a Special Recognition Award.

- . In August, 1978, the Music Department of Southwestern Michigan presented him with a state Recognition Award for 25 Years of Dedicated Service.

- . In 1978, he received an Humanitarian Award from the Willow Run Advisory Council.

- . In 1979, he received an Honorary Doctor's of Divinity Degree from Trinity Hall College and Seminary.

- . In 1979, he received from the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, the Distinguished Pastoral Tribute, which marked 25 years of service as a Clergyman in the City of Ypsilanti.

- . He most recently served as administrative assistant to the late Bishop J. S. Bailey. And in September of 1985, was appointed Administrative Assistant to Bishop W. L. Harris.

- . In 1981, he led his congregation to the building of a new facility.

- . However, all of his accomplishments did not compare with the joy he received when the Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, bestowed upon him in the Holy Convocation (November 1985), the "SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD," which is the highest honor and tribute the Church of God in Christ have to honor their most worthy constituents.

Suddenly, on Thursday, April 3, 1986, at 5:00 a.m., an angel descended from heaven and carried him to Abraham's bosom for rest and reward. He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife, Ella Barbara, (who he affectionately called Bob), their two children, LaBarbara Gwen and James Lee, Jr., (who is nicknamed Jack), a daughter-in-law, Mollie Ann, two grandchildren, Gwen LuEl and James, III, and a host of relatives, saints and friends.

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